

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

November 13, 2012 to December 4, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/US Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes to grant multiple interests in real property (in the form of easements and licenses) to the Commonwealth of Virginia for construction of a new I-564 Intermodal Connector at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk and Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads (NSA HR). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and its representatives will administer and construct the transportation improvements in accordance with final highway plans approved by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The proposed real estate transactions would allow VDOT to construct: (1) a new four-lane divided highway (I-564 Intermodal Connector) connecting the existing I-564 to NIT and NAVSTA Norfolk, including a relocated gate 6 and reconfigured commercial vehicle inspection station (CVIS) at the western end of the corridor; (2) Air Terminal Interchange (ATI) providing access to Hampton Boulevard, Seabee Road, Gates 1, 2, 3A and 5 of NAVSTA Norfolk, PPV Housing, NSA HR, Camp Allen and Helmick Street; and (3) relocation or mitigation for Navy facilities and infrastructure impacted by construction of the I-564 Intermodal Connector or ATI. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposal consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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